



## Rear Admiral Richard T. Gromlich

Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District  
U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Richard T. Gromlich serves as the Commander of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District headquartered in Seattle, Washington. As District Commander, he is responsible for U.S. Coast Guard operations and personnel covering 4 states (Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana), more than 4,400 miles of coastline, 600 miles of inland waterways, and a 125 mile international maritime border with Canada.

Prior to this assignment Rear Admiral Gromlich served as the Coast Guard's first Director of Operational Logistics (DOL), where he oversaw 13 Bases and one Base Detachment responsible for delivering integrated and effective support services to operational commanders. The DOL also coordinated support to Coast Guard assets deployed in domestic and overseas operations.



From 2007 to 2011 Rear Admiral Gromlich served at Coast Guard Headquarters as Director of the Mission Support Integration Office, Chief of the Office of Logistics and Director of the Logistics Transformation Program Integration Office. His efforts in these assignments substantially increased the Coast Guard's operational readiness during major contingency operations.

From 2004 to 2007 Rear Admiral Gromlich served as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center (ARSC), now the Aviation Logistics Center, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina where he was responsible for the sole industrial complex supporting more than 200 Coast Guard aircraft at 26 air stations across the United States.

Rear Admiral Gromlich's additional tours of duty include Executive Officer at Air Station Cape Cod, Massachusetts and Aeronautical Engineering Officer at Air Station Savannah, Georgia. He also served as the Inventory Manager, Chief of the Logistics Support Branch, and Chief of the Engineering and Industrial Support Division at ARSC; and tours of duty at Air Station North Bend, Air Station San Diego, and afloat as a Deck Watch Officer aboard the 180-foot buoy tender USCGC Papaw in Charleston, South Carolina.

A native of Milton, Pennsylvania, Rear Admiral Gromlich graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in 1983 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He completed Naval Flight Training in Pensacola, Florida in 1986 and logged more than 3,600 flight hours attaining qualifications as an Aircraft Commander and Instructor Pilot in the HH-65A/B, and as an Aircraft Commander in the HH-60J. In 1997, he earned a Master of Science in Industrial Administration from Purdue University's Krannert School of Business. He was promoted to flag rank in April 2011. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit (four awards), Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Coast Guard Commendation Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and two Commandant Letters of Commendation.